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MEMORANDUM TO

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I had a talk with General Norstad yesterday, and among the points which he made were the following:

He suggested that at a certain stage in Berlin contingency activity -- perhaps along with the events described in Section II of National Security Action Memorandum No. 109 -- it might be desirable to summon Chairman Khrushchev to an emergency meeting in Berlin to discuss the crisis. Would such a direct meeting between the Chairman and myself be a good idea at this or at some other stage of the crisis? Would Berlin be a good place? Should other Western statesmen be included? Should we privately prepare a contingency plan?

I think this idea should be explored and I would like to have your comments on it.

JFK

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